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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Harris, currently handling juvenile compliance monitoring and DMC, has been selected as the Violence Prevention Division Administrator. Chris replaces Mr. James Wright, who resigned in April to work as a member of U.S. Senator Mike Johann's staff. Chris will begin his new duties August 1, 2012.

LB 1145, introduced by Sen. Amanda McGill was signed by the Governor on April 11, 2012 with an operative date of July 19, 2012. This bill changed the penalty for pandering, created a task force within the Crime Commission and requires training of various officials regarding human trafficking.

A task force was created to develop a human trafficking training curriculum for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, judges, juvenile detention center staff and others involved in the juvenile justice system and the criminal justice system. The task force will work with these groups to develop and determine how the training should be provided and make recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2012.

Crime Commission Executive Director Behm and Mr. Jeff Beaty, J.D., of the Community Corrections Division, are working with the Governor's Policy Office, Senator McGill's office and various allied agencies in developing a plan to ensure all elements of LB 1145 are met.

-Michael E. Behm, Executive Director -

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

This year, the 102nd Legislature passed LB 817 that mandates all Nebraska law enforcement officers receive a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education annually. The bill was signed into law and takes full effect in 2014.

The law is very similar to the proposed Nebraska Administrative Code rule that circulated over the last two years as proposed Title 79, Chapter 17. The Police Standards Advisory Council has updated the proposed Chapter 17 rule and this updated draft rule can be viewed at the NLETC website. The rule will be needed to implement LB 817.

In essence, the law requires all Nebraska certified and reserve officers to obtain a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education in the areas of criminal justice or law enforcement annually. This includes Nebraska agencies that use special state deputy sheriffs. The reporting period will run from January 1 to December 31 each calendar year. The largest change from the first draft is that the law stipulates that only 10 hours of continuing education credit from "the internet" can be counted towards the 20 hour minimum.

The agency police chief or sheriff still decides what law enforcement related training counts towards the continuing education requirement based on agency needs. Existing agency in-service training programs, any training at a police academy, regional law enforcement training opportunities, professional conferences and seminars, internet or web-based training programs, and university or college courses can count toward the annual requirement.

The agency head determines if training;

- is delivered by local resources or away,
- is classroom or practical application based,
- if training consists of watching a video, using the internet, or a combination of any training delivery system,

- if training involves partnering with other agencies, such as local fire, EMS, Emergency Management, or other law enforcement agencies,
- or any combination of the above including shooting the annual state firearms qualification.

The rule does not require travel to attend any training, mandated minimums in specific topical areas, use of 'state certified instructors' (except firearms instructors for the state qualification shoot), or submission of classes or lesson plans for pre-approval. The agency head determines agency training needs and implements the training plan for his or her agency.

It is the Training Center's desire to incorporate the continuing education report into the existing firearms report and provide an on-line reporting option. The annual reports will check-off and attest that each officer has received the minimum 20 hours of training. The rule provides for waivers for the same reasons that are used to waive the firearms qualification shoot. One waiver can be used to excuse an officer from one or both the continuing education or firearms requirements. The Council would review these each February following a reporting period.

To ensure the training is being delivered and properly documented in training files, the rule provides that the training center director shall audit a random number of agencies annually. The director will also be required to conduct a training needs assessment survey every three years.

For more information, visit www.nletc.state.ne.us or contact Director William Muldoon at wiliam.muldoon@nebraska.gov



NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Teddy Pika is the new Staff Assistant II for the Grants Division.

Prior, Teddy worked as a Case Aide at DHHS. In addition, Teddy was employed at DELL as an Office Support Sr. Associate and at Developmental Services of Nebraska. Teddy graduated from Southeast Community College in 2011 with an Associate in Human Services. Teddy is currently enrolled at Doane College where he is pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Human Relations.

Emily Gilmore is the new Staff Assistant I for the Grants Division. Emily is currently attending Southeast Community College and will graduate with an Associate's Degree with a dual focus of medical and legal business. Emily then plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences/Legal Studies. Prior, Emily worked at the Capitol as a Legislative Page. In addition, Emily is a volunteer for the People's City Mission Medical Clinic and she currently owns her own photography business.

Jeanette Greer has been recently hired as the part-time Financial Monitor for the Grants Division.

Previously, this position was a contracted position.

Jeanette has her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Prior, she was the owner and manager of Colby Ridge/Goodrich Dairy and a Department Manager for JC Penney Company.

Kitty Policky has been hired as the new Secretary II for the Community Corrections Division.

Prior, Kitty was at the Appraiser Board for 12 years. She has volunteered at the Matt Talbot Kitchen for the past 5 years and is active in various community services.

2012 CJIS Technology Conference

The 2012 CJIS Technology Conference will be held August 15-16 in Kearney. *

Registration is at <http://portal.ncc.ne.gov/cjis/register/> Watch for upcoming agenda items.

The 2012 CJIS Technology Conference will be held at the [Ramada Inn](#), 301 2nd Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska. **Room registrations for this room block are guaranteed through July 30th.** Please call the hotel directly at 1-800-652-1909 (this phone number is not listed on their website). The Room rates are \$77-standard room per night plus tax. The conference room block is under the name "Nebraska Crime Commission". Additional hotel and conference center information can be found at www.kearneyramada.com

*Please note that the SLEUTH users conference and CMS users conference will be held August 13th - 14th at the same location. You can make room reservations for those dates as well.

Registration for the CMS Users Conference is at <http://portal.ncc.ne.gov/cms/register/>

Legislative Bills passed in 2012 that affect the Crime Commission

LB 817: (1) Makes minor changes to the Community Corrections statutes. (2) Changes statutory language and allows for a conviction that has been set aside by a judge to still be considered as evidence to deny a person's application for a law enforcement certificate. (3) Requires that each law enforcement officer attend at least 20 hours of continuing education courses each year, beginning January 1, 2014. Creates a central registry at the Law Enforcement Training Center to maintain the continuing education records for each law enforcement agency. Failure to complete the continuing education requirement may result in the revocation of the officer's law enforcement certificate. LB 817 also expands the definition of law enforcement officer for the purposes of training to include reserve officers, Game and Parks Commission Conservation officers, and deputy state sheriffs. Cash funds are appropriated to implement LB 817.

LB 1145: Creates a 20 member task force on human trafficking to be administered by the Crime Commission. This task force shall do a study on human trafficking in Nebraska and develop informational posters in English and Spanish that are required to be displayed at rest stops and strip clubs. LB 1145 provides that the state shall provide mandatory training on human trafficking for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, judges, and juvenile detention center staff. The task force shall develop the curriculum for this training and recommend to the Legislature which state entity shall provide this training. This recommendation is due by December 1, 2012. General funds are appropriated to implement LB 1145.



9th Annual Protect Our Children Conference September 12-14, 2012 Omaha, Nebraska

The 9th annual Protect Our Children Midwest Area Conference will continue its fine tradition, and will focus on a wide range of topics dealing with child sexual abuse, on-line enticement, and child pornography featuring national experts in these areas.

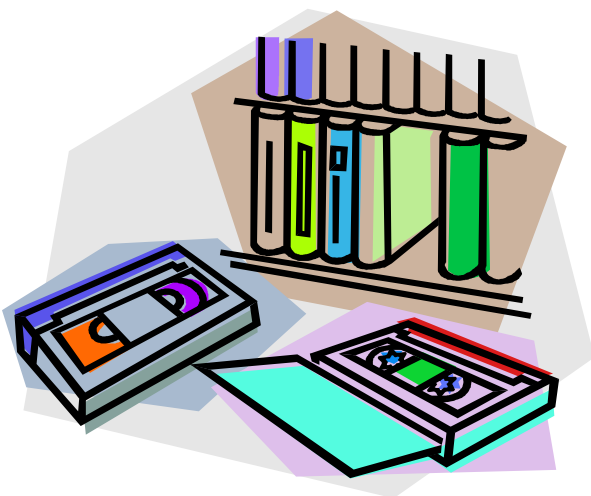
This conference is an excellent opportunity for the various disciplines to build partnerships to benefit child victims, and contribute to a more effective investigation and prosecution. This conference is designed to address the needs of law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, probation/parole/correctional officers, judges, social workers, child advocates, and health care providers. Specific breakouts will be featured for the various disciplines engaged in assisting children victimized by sexual abuse.

For more information, contact:
Heather Buller at hbuller@kltc.org or 620-694-1537

**Ms. Elizabeth Smart is the Keynote
Speaker**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE VIDEO LIBRARY

The following Videos have been added to the library and are available for loan:



STUDENT SEXTING AND CYBER BULLYING (DVD)

60 Minutes Color Omni Publishing: 2011
Adult Audience

This program is divided into eight sections so the length can be tailored to the time allowable. This DVD contains advice from Kathleen Conn, a law professor and is useful for school administrators and school resource officers. Topics include (1) two examples of girls who sexted and were then bullied at school. Both girls committed suicide and now their parents are suing the school districts; (2) the prevalence of sexting and cyberbullying among teens; (3) consequences for students; (4) potential liability for school personnel; and (5) legislative responses and state statutes.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER? (DVD)

32 Minutes Color Omni Publishing: 2011
Adult Audience

This program contains a presentation by Sgt. Todd Hammitt, a California police officer. Segments are included on (1) Goals and objectives when responding to an active shooter. (2) Realize and prepare for the event and what you will face. (3) Improving your chances. (4) Obtaining information and the importance of communication. (5) Incident Commander responsibilities. (6) Contact teams and target identification. (7) Four member and two member teams. (8) Team Leader. (9) Cover or flank positions. (10) Rear Guard. (11) Rescue teams. (12) Shooter contact.

HIGH SPEED IMPACT – THE HIDDEN TOLL (DVD)

27 Minutes Color Films For The Humanities: 2009
Adult Audience

This program covers brain trauma in car accidents. Side impact crashes, even at low speed can cause permanent brain damage. One segment contains an interview with a brain trauma victim and her husband. She was injured in a 30 mph side-impact collision with a tree. She did not have a skull fracture and yet her brain has permanent damage. The DVD includes recreations of actual side-impact car crashes using cadaver brains and crash test dummies. The point is made that more people suffer irreversible brain injuries each year than are killed in auto accidents and side air bags can prevent these injuries.

RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE (DVD)

26 Minutes Color Meridian: 2007
Adult Audience

Child abuse often goes unnoticed, and if a first-responder does detect it, he or she may not understand what measures should be taken. This program spells out the four R's of child abuse: 1) the Reality of its presence in society, 2) the Results it leads to, 3) ways to Recognize it, and 4) the channels for Reporting it. Each of these concepts is explained through dramatizations and interviews with child welfare experts.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO CRIME VICTIMS (DVD)

15 Minutes Color Office for Victims of Crime: 2011
Adult Audience

The International Association of Chiefs of Police has designed a national strategy that guides policies and training for law enforcement agencies to enhance the culture and practice of helping crime victims. This program presents the benefits, challenges, and methods for placing a high priority on meeting the needs of crime victims and for enhancing law enforcement's response to victims of crime.

THINK LIKE AN INMATE (DVD)

25 Minutes Color Lockup USA: 2010
Adult Audience

Inmates have an abundant amount of time to think of ways to gain advantage over a correctional officer. This program contains segments on (1) distraction techniques used by inmates, (2) inmate lookouts, (3) being aware of blind spots in the housing unit, (4) ways to bring in contraband, and (5) knowing your inmates.

COPING WITH MRSA IN CORRECTIONS (DVD)

27 Minutes Color Lockup USA: 2010
Adult Audience

MRSA is a contagious bacterial infection that attacks the skin and can be fatal. It is a super strain of staph infection that is resistant to many types of antibiotics. This program advises on how to cope with MRSA in a correctional facility. Segments include (1) MRSA symptoms, (2) who is at risk, (3) how it spreads, (4) screening inmates for MRSA, and (5) how you can contain it.

LIABILITY ISSUES FOR CORRECTIONS, PART ONE (DVD)

26 Minutes Color Lockup USA: 2009
Adult Audience

Correctional officers face several types of potential liability when dealing with inmates. This program discusses liability issues and includes segments on (1) legal background, (2) know your policies and procedures, (3) failure to act on a legitimate inmate complaint, (4) discrimination issues, (5) inmates with AIDS, (6) use of force, and (7) the vicarious liability of supervisors

**THOUGHT(S) FOR THE DAY**

- On Character -

Most people can bear adversity. But if you wish to know what a man really is, give him power.

~ Robert Ingersoll

If you don't have enemies, you don't have character.

~ Paul Newman

In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy.

But if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you.

~Warren Buffet

The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good.

~Abigail Van Buren